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REMARKS

The disclosure and claims are objected to because it is unclear from the specification, drawings and claims how the polygonal vents with the sidewalls are provided in the EMI-attenuating panel with such vents. Claims 6-7, 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 3, 5, 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mitchell (the '459 patent).

Objection

With respect to an individual vent, not all the sides of the polygonal vent have sidewalls extending therefrom. The sidewalls can be alternately arranged for the sides of the polygonal vents. The neighboring vents can share the same sidewalls (referring to paragraphs [0019] and [0023]). Therefore, the vent array, not only one individual vent, attenuates EMI.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 6, 7 and 17 have been withdrawn.

Regarding claims 14-16, Applicant would not define the polygon by only four sides. Claims 14-16 only mean they respectively include a panel with polygon vents defined. The polygon vent has not less than four sides.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

As amended claim 3, the base plate defines a plurality of polygonal vents. Each of the vents has a plurality of sidewalls extending upwardly from the

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base plate on respective sides thereof, thereby to attenuate EMI. In the '459 patent, it is an electrically-conductive media 20 supported in a panel 10. The media 20 has cellular structure, which is formed from a corrugated sheet of metal foil, or otherwise as is described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,821,463, 5,895,885, and 5,910,639 (see column 6, lines 11-15). Apparently, a plurality of sidewalls extending upwardly from a base plate is significantly different from a cellular media supported in a panel. The panel having cellular media inserted will not teach one skilled in the art to develop the instant invention. Claim 3 is patentable.

Claims 5 and 10-12 are patentable also as dependent claims of claim 3.

For the same reason, claims 13-17 are patentable and should be allowable.

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